

Government Relations

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2000 Strategic Plan and Measures

Common Mission:

The Government Relations Department is committed to be a full-service legislative provider, monitoring and facilitating issues through the legislative process to ensure a positive impact and positive image for Sedgwick County.

GOAL 1: Establish meaningful relationships that facilitate communications about legislative issues among state legislators and their key personnel on a regular and timely basis.

Objective: Meet with each legislator (27) from the Sedgwick County Delegation at least once between May and December.

Objective: Meet with legislators (13) from the South Central Delegation at least once between May and December.

Objective: Meet with at least 40 legislators from outside the Sedgwick County Delegation between January and April.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Number of Sedgwick County legislators met with between May and December	0	0	27
Number of South Central Delegation legislators met with between May and December	0	0	13
Number of legislators outside Sedgwick County met with between January and April	0	0	40
Percentage of meetings held on time	0	0	100%

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GOAL #2: Raise the level of awareness and increase visibility of Sedgwick County's leadership by developing partnerships and coalitions to strengthen cooperation among government and other entities within Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas.

Objective: Maintain membership and 80% participation in local government entities.

Objective: Meet individually with the 19 Sedgwick County City Council representatives.

Objective: Identify five viable, new avenues of becoming more visible to Sedgwick County government entities on a statewide level.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Percentage of meetings attended	0	0	80%
Number of projects collaborated on	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of individuals met	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of avenues explored	0	0	5

GOAL #3: Increase efficiency of legislative relations by providing timely, relevant, and historical information to Sedgwick County entities regarding state and national legislative matters in a manner that is meaningful and cost effective.

Objective: Systemize and standardize the preparation of the annual legislative policy statements and legislative packages defining and outlining the County's position on key issues by October 1 of each year.

Objective: Refine the bill notification and tracking system to include three new categories.

Objective: Ensure the bills, supplemental notes, amended bills, and fiscal notes are received by appropriate divisions and departments within 48 hours of printing.

Objective: Deliver weekly legislative updates during the legislative session to each division director, department head, elected and appointed official on time 100% of the time.

Objective: Increase media awareness of Sedgwick County legislative issues and leadership by setting quarterly meetings.

Objective: Initiate first steps for development of County Revenue Manual, seeking out county staff interested in assisting, and facilitating at least three meetings by December 31, 2000.

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Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Completion of standardized forms and annual platform	0	0	n/a
Number of days to deliver bills, supplements, amendeds, and fiscal notes	0	0	n/a
Percentage of updates delivered on time	0	0	n/a
Number of meetings held with media	0	0	n/a

Goal #4: **To ensure Sedgwick County's ability to effect quality national legislation that has a positive impact on the County and its citizenry.**

Objective: Meet with Kansas Congressional staff on a quarterly basis by December 31, 2000.

Objective: Maintain membership and 80% attendance in NACIRO and NACo.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Number of meetings held	0	0	4
Percentage of meetings attended	0	0	80%

Budget Highlights:

In 1999, the budgets for Public Relations and Government Relations were combined in department 1100-1009 of the general fund. The decision was made to separate the two budgets in 2000 to provide a better tool for tracking each function. Included in the 2000 budget for Government Relations is a 3% general salary increase and a slight increase in contractual and commodity expenditures as this function is in the process of reestablishing its goals and objectives, thus determining the true cost of providing services.

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Department Recap (1100-1031):

	1998 Actual	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	1999-2000 % Change
Personnel	53,563	0	97,441	n.a.
Contractual Services	17,403	0	22,433	n.a.
Commodities	569	0	4,864	n.a.
Interfund Expenditure	6,886	0	0	n.a.
Total Department	78,421	0	124,738	n.a.

Staffing Detail:

Code	Classification	Range	1999 FTE	2000 FTE	Adopted Budget
KBZ	Government Relations Director	25	1.0	1.0	50,070
KDB	Office Specialist	15	1.0	1.0	21,357
	Direct Employee Totals		2.0	2.0	71,427
	Benefits				26,014
	Total Personnel Cost				97,441